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Sir:

The present remarks and amendments are in response to the November 20, 2002 Office Action where the Examiner rejected all of the claims. A request for an extension of time and appropriate fee is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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